U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella

- **FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE**
- **Honesty, Integrity & Communicati on**

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WHY

- Why are you sitting through this presentation?
  - DoD, SECNAV, BUMED and our Skipper want you here.
- What's the big deal?
  - Fraud, waste and abuse in the US Navy costs $$$$ billions, ends careers, and kills people.

WHAT

- Fraud
  - Willful means of taking or attempting to take unfair advantage of the government.
  - Bottom Line: Fraud is lying. It is deliberate.
  - Includes:
    - Payment or acceptance of bribes or gratuities
    - Making of false statements, submission of false claims
    - Falsification of records or accounts
    - Adulteration or substitution of material
    - Arrangements for secret profits, kickbacks, or commissions

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WHAT

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- Waste
  - Careless or extravagant expenditures
  - Unnecessary expenses
  - Mismanagement of resources
  - Almost always a result of poor management decisions and practices or poor accounting controls

WHAT

- Abuse
  - Bottom line: Very close to fraud; often not prosecuted as such.
  - Most often involves exploiting “loopholes” in policies and procedures for personal benefit.
  - Includes:
    - Misuse or destruction of resources
    - Using power of position inappropriately
    - Any other seriously improper practice that cannot be prosecuted as fraud

HOW

- An employee attends a training conference in Orlando FL. (Acceptable)
- The employee chooses Orlando even though the same conference will be held in Naples and the travel costs will be cheaper. (Waste)
- The employee stays at expensive resort instead of less expensive conference hotel. (Abuse)
- The employee submits multiple travel reimbursement requests for the trip, or receives reimbursement for services not utilized during travel. (Fraud)

AREAS OF GREATEST VULNERABILITY

- Contracts
- Information Systems
- Purchase Cards
- Travel Cards
- Eligibility for Health Care
- Civilian Timekeeping
- Property

RESPONSIBILITY

DO YOUR PART!!!!!!

One team, One fight

- It is the responsibility of all personnel to monitor for and report suspected fraud, waste and abuse.
- Whistleblowers are protected
- Reprisal **will not** be tolerated

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